

Great British Water Project



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To the Head of the School

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for taking part in the Great British Water Project.

You are receiving the enclosed free resources because you (or a teacher at your school) recently requested to receive the Great British Water Project Resource Box via our website.

As with the 10,000 Hanson Boxes (full of specially crafted resources) that we donated to schools across the UK in 2019, and the 20,000 Hanson Boxes we sent in 2020, there is **absolutely no cost** to you in receiving the Great British Water Project Resource Box and the resources within.

The enclosed items were created with goodwill and without strings attached.

We have designed the Great British Water Project to enable your students to study and better appreciate drinking water, freshwater ecosystems and managing plastic waste. Our goal is to support the teaching of key elements of the national curriculum, e.g. the water cycle, recycling etc.

We have planned a series of exciting activities which we encourage you to complete by July 31st. If you send scans of the enclosed results sheets by then, we will launch a series of interactive maps showing all of the results nationwide during a **live, online, results event on August 11th** (a recording will also be viewable later via our website). Your students can discover how their findings compare to the 630 or so other schools taking part in the Great British Water Project across the UK!

We have organised three competitions (each with £1,000 of prizes):

- 1. A plastic artwork competition (fun end of Summer Term activity) with a deadline of July 31st.
- 2. An essay competition for the start of the Autumn Term (using the data launched during the live results event on August 11th) with a deadline of October 14th.
- 3. Schools that take part fully in the blind taste test will participate in a prize draw.

Note: by participating in the Great British Water Project activities, and by submitting data, other information and tap water samples to us, you are consenting to our use of the resulting datasets, including it being displayed publicly on our interactive maps in connection to your school (see www.hansonbox.org/water). No personal data is collected through the Great British Water Project (and none will be displayed). With some activities we ask for initials of a contact. This is in case result sheets are sent from multiple classes at the same school, for the draw prizes and in case we need to follow up to clarify.

Your Great British Water Project Box includes the following items:

- 1. Three AQUAPHOR filter jugs.
- 2. Fifteen recyclable net bags.
- 3. A container that holds one hundred 11-in-1 test strips.
- 4. A pond dipping net.
- 5. A 500 ml water sample bottle (complete with freepost return kit, including packaging and labels).
- 6. One hundred recyclable plastic cups and a permanent marker pen.

In addition to this cover letter your box contains the following documents (which explain how the various activities and experiments use the above items):

- i. An 11-in-1 water test instruction sheet
- ii. A blind taste test instruction sheet (and instruction video viewable on www.hansonbox.org/water)
- iii. Four blind taste test student score sheets (each sheet has taste test score cards for eight students).
- iv. A blind taste test activity leader results sheet.
- v. A plastic waste visualisation instruction sheet.
- vi. A plastic artwork competition flyer.
- vii. A pond life survey instruction sheet and a pond life survey results sheet.
- viii. An A2-sized water cycle poster and a 'Where's my School in the Water Cycle?' sheet.
- ix. A UK-wide Rainwater Survey instruction sheet.
- x. An essay competition flyer (with information about the Darwin200 UK-wide plastics survey).
- xi. An instruction sheet to collect a tap water sample to be returned to us for comprehensive analysis.
- xii. Two documents from our partner, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, which include the offer of **free teacher visits** to Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust sites with their families.
- xiii. A leaflet from City to Sea about Refill, a campaign and app to help people live with less plastic.

A video explaining the above contents and activities can be viewed at www.hansonbox.org/water

Schools that take part in the Great British Water Project will receive a detailed report of the results of the experiments put forward here, along with a certificate confirming participation.

Don't forget to request your free 2021 Hanson Box if you have not done so yet. It will contain an exciting range of new resources and competitions, but due to demand, we are only sending 2021 Hanson Boxes to schools that request one by joining our Schools Program via www.hansonbox.org/request

We thank you in advance for any ideas or feedback that you send to us. We wish you success in teaching your students, and send you our kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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